



# **I. POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS**



## A. POPULATION

The United States Census Bureau calculates population estimates for the years that fall between their ten-year census counts. According to these estimates, the population of Louisiana as of July 1, 1998 was 4,368,967. The most recent Census Bureau estimates for Louisiana's basic demographic subgroups (i.e. race, sex, and age groups) are for the state's 1998 population. Parish-level population estimates by sex, race, and age groups can be found at [www.dhh.state.la.us/OPH/statctr/default.htm](http://www.dhh.state.la.us/OPH/statctr/default.htm). The state's subgroup estimates are given in the following table.

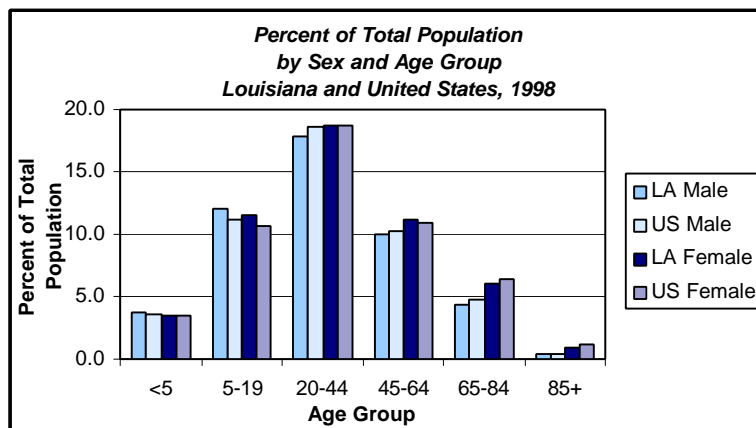
<b>Louisiana Population Estimates, 1998</b>								
<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Age Group</b>						<b>Total</b>
		<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-19</b>	<b>20-44</b>	<b>45-64</b>	<b>65-84</b>	<b>85+</b>	
Male	White	93,022	307,411	525,539	325,833	144,263	11,357	1,407,425
	Black	62,904	204,639	236,828	106,545	41,282	4,213	656,411
	Other	3,565	10,304	14,719	6,482	1,664	186	36,920
Female	White	88,855	293,913	529,022	341,295	197,008	29,762	1,479,855
	Black	61,700	203,174	274,772	139,359	61,794	9,993	750,792
	Other	3,303	9,805	14,914	7,312	2,007	223	37,564
Both	Total	313,349	1,029,246	1,595,794	926,826	448,018	55,734	4,368,967

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1998 Population Estimates

When these figures are compared with the Census Bureau estimates of the national population in 1998, Louisiana and the United States have very similar population distributions by sex and age group.

<b>Percent of Total Population by Sex and Age Group Louisiana and United States, 1998</b>								
<b>Location</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age Group</b>						<b>All Ages</b>
		<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-19</b>	<b>20-44</b>	<b>45-64</b>	<b>65-84</b>	<b>85+</b>	
LA	Male	3.7	12.0	17.8	10.0	4.3	0.4	48.1
	Female	3.5	11.6	18.7	11.2	6.0	0.9	51.9
	Both	7.2	23.6	36.5	21.2	10.3	1.3	100.0
US	Male	3.6	11.1	18.6	10.2	4.8	0.4	48.9
	Female	3.4	10.6	18.7	10.9	6.4	1.1	51.1
	Both	7.0	21.7	37.4	21.2	11.2	1.5	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1998 Population Estimates



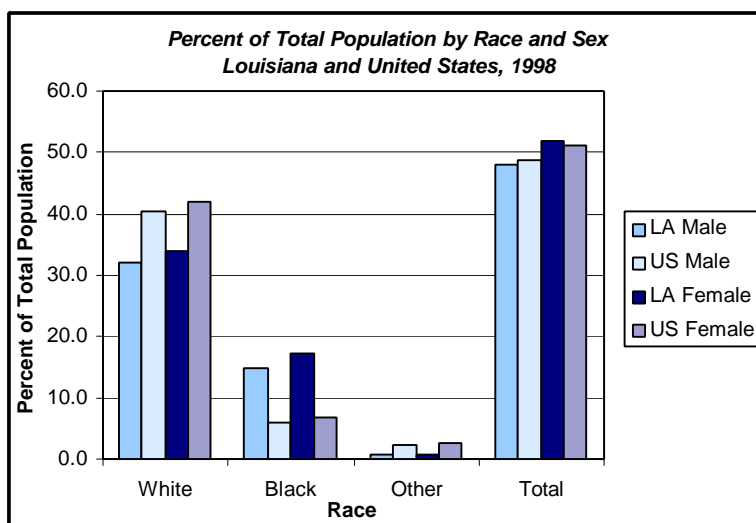
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Estimates of the population distribution by race, however, show the percentage of blacks in Louisiana is more than twice the national average, with 32.2% in Louisiana versus 12.7% nationally. Individual parishes in Louisiana range from 5% to 67% black.

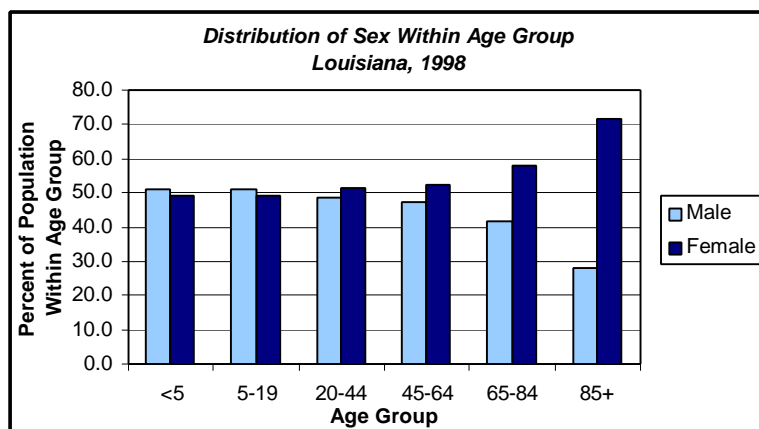
<b>Percent of Total Population by Race and Sex Louisiana and United States, 1998</b>					
<b>Location</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>			
		<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
LA	Male	32.2	15.0	0.8	48.1
	Female	33.9	17.2	0.9	51.9
	Both	66.1	32.2	1.7	100.0
US	Male	40.5	6.0	2.3	48.9
	Female	42.0	6.7	2.5	51.1
	Both	82.5	12.7	4.8	100.0

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As in the rest of the nation, advancing age brings an increase in the proportion of women to men. Louisiana's 1998 population estimates for the 45 to 64 years age group are 47% male and 53% female. The percentages change to 28% male and 72% female in the 85+ age group.



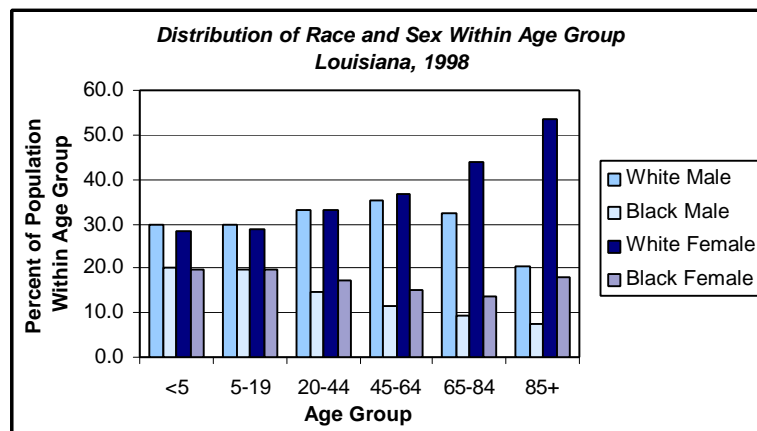
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Within individual age groups, the race/sex proportions change with advancing age. Prior to age 20, both white males and white females comprise approximately 29% of the population of each age group and black men and women approximately 20%. By age 85+, 53% of the population are white women, 20% are white men, 18% are black women, and 8% are black men.

<b>Percent of Race and Sex Within Age Group Louisiana, 1998</b>							
<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Age Group</b>					
		<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-19</b>	<b>20-44</b>	<b>45-64</b>	<b>65-84</b>	<b>85+</b>
Male	White	29.7	29.9	32.9	35.2	32.2	20.4
	Black	20.1	19.9	14.8	11.5	9.2	7.6
	Other	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.3
	Total	50.9	50.8	48.7	47.4	41.8	28.3
Female	White	28.4	28.6	33.2	36.8	44.0	53.4
	Black	19.7	19.7	17.2	15.0	13.8	17.9
	Other	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.4
	Total	49.1	49.2	51.3	52.6	58.2	71.7

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1998 Population Estimates



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The United States Census Bureau has calculated parish-level population estimates for 1998. The changes in Louisiana's parish populations that occurred between the 1990 census and the 1998 estimates are given in the table below.

<b>1998 Population Figures for Louisiana Parishes</b>				
<b>Parish</b>	<b>4/1/90 Census</b>	<b>7/1/98 Estimate</b>	<b>% Change 1990-98</b>	<b>7/1/98 % of State</b>
Louisiana	4,221,826	4,368,967	3.5	100.0
Acadia	55,882	57,721	3.3	1.3
Allen	21,226	23,888	12.5	0.5
Ascension	58,214	71,628	23.0	1.6
Assumption	22,753	23,015	1.2	0.5
Avoyelles	39,159	40,846	4.3	0.9
Beauregard	30,083	31,976	6.3	0.7
Bienville	16,201	15,814	-2.4	0.4
Bossier	86,088	93,463	8.6	2.1
Caddo	248,253	242,471	-2.3	5.5
Calcasieu	168,134	180,330	7.3	4.1



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Caldwell	9,806	10,364	5.7	0.2
Cameron	9,260	9,063	-2.1	0.2
Catahoula	11,065	11,064	-0.0	0.3
Claiborne	17,405	16,919	-2.8	0.4
Concordia	20,828	20,749	-0.4	0.5
DeSoto	25,699	24,921	-3.0	0.6
E. Baton Rouge	380,105	394,714	3.8	9.0
E. Carroll	9,709	8,905	-8.3	0.2
E. Feliciana	19,211	20,847	8.5	0.5
Evangeline	33,274	34,097	2.5	0.8
Franklin	22,387	22,163	-1.0	0.5
Grant	17,526	18,990	8.4	0.4
Iberia	68,297	73,154	7.1	1.7
Iberville	31,049	31,173	0.4	0.7
Jackson	15,924	15,566	-2.2	0.4
Jefferson	448,306	450,933	0.6	10.3
Jefferson Davis	30,722	31,607	2.9	0.7
Lafayette	164,762	186,631	13.3	4.3
Lafourche	85,860	89,324	4.0	2.0
LaSalle	13,662	13,661	0.0	0.3
Lincoln	41,745	41,560	-0.4	1.0
Livingston	70,523	88,104	24.9	2.0
Madison	12,463	12,808	2.8	0.3
Morehouse	31,938	31,477	-1.4	0.7
Natchitoches	37,199	37,018	-0.5	0.8
Orleans	496,938	465,538	-6.3	10.7
Ouachita	142,191	146,979	3.4	3.4
Plaquemines	25,575	26,293	2.8	0.6
Pointe Coupee	22,540	23,565	4.5	0.5
Rapides	131,556	126,763	-3.6	2.9
Red River	9,518	9,599	0.9	0.2
Richland	20,629	21,022	1.9	0.5
Sabine	22,646	23,824	5.2	0.5
St. Bernard	66,631	66,074	-0.8	1.5
St. Charles	42,437	48,278	13.8	1.1
St. Helena	9,874	9,580	-3.0	0.2
St. James	20,879	21,132	1.2	0.5
St. John	39,996	42,261	5.7	1.0
St. Landry	80,312	83,816	4.4	1.9
St. Martin	44,097	47,550	7.8	1.1
St. Mary	58,086	57,174	-1.6	1.3
St. Tammany	144,500	188,936	30.8	4.3
Tangipahoa	85,709	96,983	13.2	2.2
Tensas	7,103	6,631	-6.6	0.2
Terrebonne	96,982	104,534	7.8	2.4
Union	20,796	21,989	5.7	0.5
Vermilion	50,055	52,090	4.1	1.2
Vernon	61,961	51,570	-16.8	1.2
W. Baton Rouge	19,419	20,683	6.5	0.5
W. Carroll	12,093	12,213	1.0	0.3
W. Feliciana	12,915	13,446	4.1	0.3
Washington	43,185	43,059	-0.3	1.0
Webster	41,989	42,707	1.7	1.0
Winn	16,496	17,714	7.4	0.4

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